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FORMER NEW HAMPTON MAYOR, TEACHER SENTENCED FOR PRODUCING CHILD PORN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a New Hampton, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for producing child pornography.

Richard P. Warner, 53, of New Hampton, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to 14 years in federal prison without parole, to be served concurrent to his current state prison sentence for statutory sodomy and child molestation. The court also ordered **Warner** to forfeit to the government a Seagate computer hard drive that was used to commit the offenses. **Warner**, the former city councilman and mayor of New Hampton, has worked as a teacher in several school districts and has been involved in various volunteer activities with youth.

Graves described **Warner** as a “sexual predator” who was involved in various volunteer activities that gave him access to children. “**Warner** served as a foster parent, volunteered to drive the bus and lead youth activities in his church, and was involved in Boy Scouts – activities that put him into close contact with children,” Graves said. “Tragically, this fits the typical profile of pedophiles, which is why he needs to be removed from the community so that he can no longer threaten children.”

On Sept. 8, 2004, **Warner** pleaded guilty to using a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing child pornography between Sept. 16, 2002, and Oct. 4, 2002. **Warner** also admitted that he transported child pornography via the Internet on Aug. 27, 2002.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Harrison County, Mo., Sheriff’s Department, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Missouri State Technical Assistance Team.

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